

Food Protection Employee Wins Trip to DC

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When the 132nd American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Public Health Exposition convenes in Washington, DC Nov. 6-10, a special KDHE staff member will represent the agency.

Mike Kopf, standardization officer for the Bureau of Consumer Health, Food Protection Program, will be representing KDHE at the conference. Kopf has worked for KDHE Food Protection for five years with more than 10 years total employment with the state involving food safety regulation.

Kopf earned the trip to attend the APHA Conference after winning first place in a student poster contest held by the Kansas Public Health Association. Kopf's winning poster demonstrates research and data analysis on dental health. Kopf is currently a student at the Kansas University School of Medicine, Wichita Campus, and will graduate in the spring with a Masters of Public Health. The poster was created as part of a scientific research class project.

At the APHA conference, Kopf will attend scientific and educational sessions, as well as participate in numerous networking opportunities and events with more than 13,000 peers and leaders in public health attending the conference.

The exposition is the largest and most diverse of public health exhibits featuring more than 620 booths of information, state-of-the-art products, and services geared towards public health professionals.

Congratulations Mike!